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1. a. Troops and material were entrained at the Meiningen (M 51/H 52) freight station on 19 April 1950.

b. Two 140-man units with black-bordered red epaulettes marched to the railroad station about noon.

c. A train of 10 boxcars, 47 flatcars and 1 coach left the station about 3 p.m., allegedly bound for Ohrdruf.

d. The two southern buildings of the Barbara Kaserne were fully illuminated in the evening but only a few windows were lighted in the two northern buildings.

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3. It was said that the Meiningen county kommandatura was moved to Schmalkalden, where, allegedly, several kommandaturas were merged.

4. A policeman said that the Meiningen barracks were occupied by 800 troops of a regimental headquarters and an infantry battalion.

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~~comment:~~ Departure of the Meiningen units of the 39th Gds M2 rifle div, according to the reported motor vehicle numbers. The units moved to Ohrdruf along with the entire division.***

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~~comment:~~ The merger of several kommandaturas was also observed in other parts of the Soviet Zone of Germany after the reorganization of the SMA into the SCC.

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